Shares of RPLS Refinery Project

6402. SHRI GOPALSING G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected by the RPLS' Refinery Project through public issue;

(b) whether it is fact that RPLS' have not paid refund orders to those people who have purchased the shares;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the RPLS' shares have not been registered with SEBI;

(e) whether Government have made investigation in the entire scandal; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The total amount collected by RPLS' refinery Project though a public issue was Rs. 525.71 crores by way of the application money.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Shares of the company are to be listed with the stock exchange and not registered with SEBI.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Irregularities in Gramin Banks

6403. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any irregularities have been found in Gramin Banks by Government, particularly in Gujarat in last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether the irregularities and instances of claiming of fake TA/DA bills by the Manager and other staff of the Godhara Branch has been reported;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government against the concerned guilty Manager and staff of the Godhara branch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The reporting system in Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) does not generate the information with regard to number of irregularities found in Regional Rural Bank (RRB) in general or in their branches in the country.

(c) to (e) A complaint has been received recently from the Panch-Mahal Vadodara Gramin Bank Officers Association levelling certain charges against the Chairman of Panch-Mahal Vadodara Gramin Bank, Godhra including TA/DA, NABARD has referred the matter to Sponsor Bank i.e. Bank of Baroda to look into the matter.

Cheating by Money Changer Licensee of RBI

6404. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Indian Express, of January 30, 1994 stating that one Mr. Kingsley Anthony Fernandes, a money changer licensee by Reserve Bank of India had cheated a number of NRIs in the USA of huge sums in foreign exchange and living and moving about freely in Tamil Nadu, with Indian authorities devoid of any powers to book him; and

(b) if so, what is Government's